

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1514

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 12, 1976

Order Directing WHITE HOUSE )  
SIGHTSEEING CORPORATION to Comply )  
with Regulation No. 55-08 )

Docket No. 316

The Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 5(d) and Regulation 55-08 prohibit a carrier from charging any fare other than the applicable fare specified in a tariff filed by it with the Commission and in effect at the time. Commission Regulation 55-08 provides as follows:

No carrier shall charge or demand or collect or receive a greater or less or different compensation for transportation, or for any service in connection therewith, than the rates, fares, and charges specified in its currently effective tariffs; and no carrier shall in any manner or by any device, directly or indirectly, or through any agent, or otherwise, refund or remit any portion of the rates, fares, or charges so specified, or extend to any person any privileges or facilities with respect to matters required by the Commission to be specified in such tariffs, except those specified therein.

White House Sightseeing Corporation (White House) has on file with this Commission WMATC Tariff No. 1 applicable to transportation services rendered pursuant to the authority set forth in Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1. White House also offers its services to members of the general public through a brochure. The following table compares the fares set forth in the brochure with those set forth in the tariff.

<u>Tour Number</u>	<u>Brochure</u>	<u>Tariff</u>
1	\$ 8.00	\$0.50
2	7.00	0.75
3	9.00	1.00
(with boat)	11.50	1.00



<u>Tour Number</u>	<u>Brochure</u>	<u>Tariff</u>
4	\$14.00	\$1.00
5	16.00	2.50
(with boat)	18.50	2.50
6	14.00	2.50
7	16.00	3.00
(with boat)	18.50	3.00
8	8.00	3.75
9	21.00	1.00
10	8.00	-0-
11	28.50	-0-
(with boat)	31.00	-0-

White House's WMATC Tariff No. 1 also sets forth the following charges for charter operations.

<u>Vehicle Capacity</u>	<u>Hourly Charge</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
6 to 7 passengers	\$ 6.00	\$30.00
25 passengers	8.00	32.00
30 passengers	9.00	36.00
35 passengers	10.00	40.00
40 passengers	11.00	44.00
45 passengers	12.00	48.00

No carrier is permitted to charge any fare other than the applicable fare specified in a tariff filed by it and in effect at the time. The Commission shall direct White House to charge only those fares set forth in its WMATC Tariff No. 1. The Commission also shall schedule a hearing for the purpose of determining whether White House charged members of the general public fares other than those set forth in its current WMATC Tariff No. 1 and whether White House has wilfully failed to comply with this order, which commands obedience to its regulations. Cf. Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 4(g). Accordingly, the Commission shall make White House a formal party at that hearing. White House shall be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover the reasonable cost of this proceeding in accordance with the provisions of the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That White House Sightseeing Corporation be, and it is hereby, directed to charge only those fares set forth in its current WMATC Tariff No. 1.

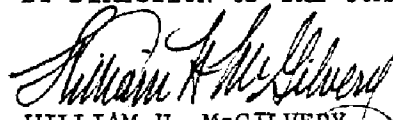
2. That White House Sightseeing Corporation be, and it is hereby,

made a formal party in a proceeding to determine whether it has charged members of the general public fares other than those set forth in its current WMATC Tariff No. 1.

3. That a public hearing be, and it is hereby, scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 1976, at 9:30 A. M., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, for the purpose of determining whether White House Sightseeing Corporation has charged members of the general public fares other than those set forth in its current WMATC Tariff No. 1 and has wilfully failed to comply with this order.

4. That White House Sightseeing Corporation be, and it is hereby, assessed \$300 pursuant to the provisions of the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19 and directed to deliver said amount to the offices of the Commission, Room 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, on or before Friday, March 26, 1976.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director